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SUBJ: ASSASSINATION OF TWO ARMISH/MAAG OFFICERS

1. TWO ARMISH/MAAG OFFICERS WERE ASSASSINATED AT 0630 MAY 21 BY ANTI-REGIME TERRORISTS. AS COLONEL PAUL R. SHAFFER, JR., USAF, AND LTC JACK H. TURNER, USAF, WERE BEING DRIVEN TO THEIR DUTIES AT ARMISH/MAAG J SECTION, A PEYKAN CAR PULLED OUT TO BLOCK THEIR PROGRESS. A SMALL CITROEN RAMMED THEM FROM BEHIND. ACCORDING TO THE IRANIAN MILITARY DRIVER, THREE MEN GOT OUT OF THE AUTOMOBILE AND AFTER ORDERING HIM TO GET DOWN, SHOT COLONEL SHAFFER AND COLONEL TURNER SEVERAL TIMES AS THEY FELL TO THE FLOOR OF THE BACK SEAT. THE TERRORISTS THEN GOT INTO A THIRD CAR AND MADE THEIR GETAWAY. A MIMEO-GRAPHED LEAFLET IN ENGLISH AND FARSI WAS LEFT AT THE SCENE. THE MURDERS TOOK PLACE ABOUT ONE BLOCK FROM THE SITE OF THE BOMBING OF GENERAL PRICE ALMOST THREE YEARS AGO TO THE DATE DURING THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIXON. LTC HAWKINS WAS ASSASSINATED TWO YEARS AGO JUNE 2. COLONEL SHAFFER WOULD HAVE COMPLETED

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A TWO YEAR TOUR IN IRAN THIS SUMMER. COLONEL TURNER WAS ASSIGNED

HERE LAST YEAR.

2. POLICE AND SAVAK ARE INVESTIGATING. WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH
IRANIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THE PRIME MINISTER AND CHIEF
SUPREME COMMANDER'S STAFF HAVE EXPRESSED THIER CONDOLENCES.
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